

RESOLUTIONS PASSED
at the
42nd ANNUAL MEETING
OF DELEGATES
of the
SASKATCHEWAN WHEAT POOL
NOVEMBER 1st to 11th
1966

*We shall have no better conditions in the future,
if we are satisfied with all those which we have
at present.*

— Thomas Edison

Committee Program

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The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool delegates was held from November 1st to November 11th, 1966.

The delegates reviewed the year's operations, the report of the Board of Directors, and discussed matters of interest to Saskatchewan farmers.

Of the many resolutions received from members, the following were approved by the delegates:

Policy:

1. THAT the following points representing the text of the Policy statement as contained in the Annual Report of the Board of Directors, be adopted as policy for 1966-67:

(a) THAT Canada increase technological aid programs to countries with rising populations and low food production.

*(b) THAT conditions of trade among all countries be improved by reducing trade restrictions on both import and export commodities.

*(c) THAT Canada increase its support for food aid programs, such as the World Food Program and the Freedom from Hunger Campaign, to a minimum annual amount of one per cent of the gross national product.

*(d) THAT the International Wheat Agreement be renegotiated at substantially increased minimum and maximum price levels. (Separate resolution recommends a minimum increase of forty cents per bushel.)

*(e) THAT the Canadian Wheat Board's jurisdiction be extended to the marketing of rye, flax and rapeseed.

*(f) THAT review of grain grading and handling regulations be continued, in order to maintain and improve Canada's competitive position in world grain markets.

(g) THAT efforts be extended to improve the efficiency of the grain movement and to ensure producers a better opportunity to deliver to the country elevator of their choice.

(h) THAT hog producers be encouraged to determine the degree of support among producers for a marketing commission or marketing board for hogs.

(i) THAT quality improvement programs both for beef and hog production be supported.

*(j) THAT the Government of Canada establish a national labour-management court, to provide compulsory arbitration in labour-management disputes in industries of special national importance.

(k) THAT statutory Crow's Nest Pass rates on grain be maintained; and that present or lower toll levels on cargoes navigating the St. Lawrence Seaway be urged.

(l) THAT consolidation, modernization and expansion of Pool service facilities be continued, in order to ensure the most economical service to the majority of Pool members.

(m) THAT studies be continued to determine the practicability of joint ventures with other co-operatives for the marketing of feed grains, prepared livestock feeds, and other services related to the livestock industry.

(n) THAT investigation be continued to determine how best to meet the needs of members for a comprehensive farm management service, including production advice, accounting, and enterprise analysis.

(o) THAT extension of training courses for farm operators at the community level be recommended.

(p) THAT increased government assistance be recommended for farmers taking off-farm courses to upgrade their knowledge and skills as farm operators, as well as when preparing for alternate employment.

*(q) THAT study of land use, size, tenure and transfer arrangements be continued, to determine how best to secure farm land in the hands of Saskatchewan farm families, and provide adequate opportunity for the transfer of land ownership.

(r) THAT the Pool's operation as a co-operative be protected from discriminatory

legislation or practice, which would inhibit the ability of the organization to meet the needs of its members.

(s) THAT the Pool continue to advocate policies which will improve the net farm income of Saskatchewan farm families.

*These topics were also covered by resolutions; to avoid duplication they are not listed separately.

Wheat Prices

2. THAT the Government of Canada be urged to adopt a two-price system for wheat, the price of wheat sold on the domestic market to be related to the cost of production.

3. WHEREAS in the past this organization has not asked for a specific price for wheat;

BE IT RESOLVED that the federal government be requested to guarantee a price of 2.75 per bushel, f.o.b. the Lakehead, for No. 1 Northern spring wheat, commencing 1st August 1967.

Cost of Production

4. THAT the Government of Canada be requested to investigate farm income with regard to the high cost of production and cost-of-living.

Farm Credit

5. THAT the Farm Credit Corporation be requested to provide adequate credit to young farmers.

6. THAT any increase be opposed in interest rates charged on Farm Improvement and Farm Credit Corporation loans.

Railways

7. THAT we recommend that the C.P.R. be nationalized.

8. THAT in any branch line abandonment the needs and possible hardships to the farmers of the district be taken into consideration.

Amalgamation

9. THAT independent consultants be employed to study the operation of the three

Pools in order to advise on the advantages and disadvantages of joint operation and amalgamation.

Western Co-operative Fertilizers Ltd.

10. THAT the Board of Directors continue study of the need for expansion of the fertilizer plant and continue research and exploration for the acquisition of raw materials as required.

Research

11. THAT the Pool support present research programs to provide a more satisfactory way of moving grain to market.

Boxcar Distribution

12. THAT the federal government be urged to enforce the Bracken Committee recommendations on boxcar distribution.

13. THAT more co-operation be requested between the railway companies and the Wheat Board in the allocation of boxcars.

14. THAT the railway companies be impressed with the need to have boxcars in proper condition for loading.

15. THAT the federal government be urged to reappoint a Transport Controller with complete authority.

Canadian Wheat Board

16. THAT the recent stand taken by the Board of Directors that the Wheat Board remain completely free of any connection with party politics, be endorsed.

17. THAT demurrage charges incurred because of strikes be paid by the federal government.

18. THAT increased use be made of the Port of Churchill.

19. THAT support of the quota system of grain delivery under The Canadian Wheat Board be reaffirmed.

20. THAT all transactions with feed mills be recorded in the producer's permit book.

21. THAT in future The Canadian Wheat Board require all elevator companies to issue shipping orders in duplicate, duplicate to be filed directly by elevator Head Office

with railway agent and this to be the only official authority for railway agents to allocate boxcars.

Board of Grain Commissioners

22. THAT the Board of Grain Commissioners be urged to continue to investigate a new moisture evaluation, the grain to be discounted by graduation in accordance with the increase in the moisture content.

23. THAT the metric system be adopted.

24. THAT rapeseed prices be announced both morning and afternoon on the Market Broadcast service.

Farm Machinery

25. THAT the federal government pass legislation freezing machinery prices as at the 1st January 1966 level, until such time as the present machinery inquiry is completed.

26. THAT the provincial government machinery testing be re-established.

27. THAT provincial legislation setting out terms of warranty on new farm machinery be based on hours of use rather than elapsed time from date of sale, and that design changes leading to planned obsolescence be forbidden.

28. WHEREAS the cost of farm machinery is a major item contributing to the cost-price squeeze, and

WHEREAS C.C.I.L., a farmer-owned co-operative, offers an opportunity to farmers to cut their costs, and

WHEREAS with a greater degree of support the contribution made by C.C.I.L. could be greatly increased;

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the delegates of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, agree to give leadership in the promotion of C.C.I.L. by pledging complete personal support to this venture by buying our own machinery from C.C.I.L.

Grain Storage Bins

29. THAT all materials used for the construction of grain storage bins on farms be exempt from provincial education and hospitalization tax.

Crop Contamination

30. THAT the provincial government enforce measures to control the indiscriminate use of spraying to avoid damage to shelter belts, gardens and forage crops.

31. THAT the provincial government request potash mines to control potash dust contamination around mine areas.

Wildlife Damage to Crops

32. THAT farmers be fully compensated by the provincial and federal governments for crop losses due to wildlife, without cost of premiums.

United Nations

33. THAT we recommend support of the United Nations.

34. THAT support for the Peoples Republic of China's entry in the United Nations be urged.

Expo '67

35. THAT the Government of Canada invite the Peoples Republic of China to exhibit at Expo '67.

Viet Nam Policies

36. THAT the Government of Canada be supported and commended in their present Viet Nam policies and that the Pool organization make use of every opportunity to support and promote peace.

Legislation

37. THAT a provincial government committee to work with the new Federal Manpower Department, be urged.

38. THAT basic income tax exemption be raised to \$4,000 for married couples, \$2,000 for single persons and \$500 for each dependent child.

39. THAT legislation for automobile safety devices be requested.

40. WHEREAS some school buses are not adhering to regulations regarding the carrying of spare tires and other necessary equipment;

BE IT RESOLVED that we strongly request that all school buses be rigidly in-

spected by a government agency, to see that the buses comply with regulations and that two-way radio systems be installed in all school buses.

41. WHEREAS broken glass is an ever-increasing hazard to farm implement tires caused by throwing beer bottles in farmers' fields; BE IT RESOLVED that beer be dispensed in metal containers.

Long-term Financing

42. THAT research to determine guidelines for long-term operations and financing of the Pool be undertaken.

43. THAT in future when additional financing is required for any large project, committees be consulted.

44. THAT the Pool review and re-adjust interest rates on call loan accounts.

45. THAT this Annual Meeting of Delegates approve increasing the authorized capital of the Company from \$35,000,000 to \$50,000,000 divided into 50,000,000 shares of \$1.00 each.

Allocation of Surplus Earnings, 1965-66

46. THAT the allocation of surplus earnings for Season 1965-66 as follows:

Excess Charges Refund—

Season 1965-66	\$ 9,351,790
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Provision for Income Tax—

Estimated	500,000
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Transfer to Reserve Account—

Estimated	897,253
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Total	<u><u>\$10,749,043</u></u>
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be approved and adopted, and further,

THAT the surplus earnings for the year ended 31st July 1966, allocated to Excess Charges Refund. Season 1965-66, be distributed in proportion to patronage on all grains, including cereal seeds, and/or livestock delivered by members of the Company during the crop year ended 31st July 1966, and on fertilizer purchased by patrons during the year ended 31st July 1966, payment to be made on the following bases:

1. Grain:

(a) Patronage dividend at the rate of .6c

per bushel to be used for the purchase at face value, of Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions of the Company, from members in eligible categories as previously determined by the Board of Directors, such Deductions to be credited to the persons entitled to the patronage dividend, provided that those members entitled to such dividend, whose Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions have heretofore been purchased by the Company, shall be paid their share of such amount in cash, estimated \$1,409,700.

(b) Patronage dividend at the rate of 3.29c per bushel, to be retained as a loan from the shareholders of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, provided that those members entitled to such dividend, whose Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions have heretofore been purchased by the Company, shall be paid their share of such amount in cash, estimated \$7,706,515

2. Fertilizer:

Cash patronage dividend at the rate of 2.36 per cent of the sales price of all fertilizer purchased by patrons, estimated \$75,000

3. Livestock:

Patronage dividend at the rate per head for cattle 34c; calves 17c; hogs 8c; sheep and lambs 9c; to be retained as a loan from the shareholders of the Company, in accordance with the Articles of Association, provided that those members entitled to such dividend whose Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions have heretofore been purchased by the Company, shall be paid their share of such amount in cash, estimated \$ 160,575

Total	\$9,351,790
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47. THAT when a member's livestock patronage dividend loan has accumulated to the sum of \$25.00 or over, the amount of the dividend which exceeds \$20.00 be paid out in cash.

Articles of Association

48. THAT the present Articles of Association and the By-laws of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool be revoked and the revised

Articles of Association, as attached to the official Notice of Motion of the Annual Meeting of Delegates, dated 14th October 1966, and as amended in Article 57, viz.— THAT the words “and be entitled to vote” be added in the third line, following the word “livestock”, so that the amended Article would read as follows:

“57. The qualifications of a delegate shall be the holding of at least one share in the Company; and he shall also be interested or concerned in the production of grain or livestock and be entitled to vote in the sub-district for which he is elected; and he shall, in addition, have delivered all commercial grain and commercial livestock owned by him to the facilities of the Company for a period of three years immediately preceding the date of his acceptance of nomination as a candidate in the election of a delegate, provided he had grain and/or livestock to deliver and that facilities of the Company were available to take delivery.”

be approved.

Delegates and Directors

49. THAT the qualifications of a Pool delegate be stated on nomination papers, and statutory declaration be required of nominees.

50. THAT in any future plans for reorganization of districts and sub-districts, shareholders be given full voting privileges at the delivery point, regardless of where they reside.

51. THAT reorganization of district and sub-district boundaries be continued, with the approval of district delegates of such districts and sub-districts concerned.

52. THAT the per diem allowance for directors be increased from \$30.00 to \$40.00 and that delegates' per diem allowance be increased from \$20.00 to \$25.00, retroactive to the commencement of this meeting.

J. H. Wesson Memorial Scholarship

53. THAT the Pool establish a \$2,000 annual post-graduate scholarship for adult education and extension training, to be

known as the J. H. Wesson Memorial Scholarship.

4-H Grants

54. THAT an annual grant of \$8,000 to the Saskatchewan 4-H Foundation, to be used for the development and operation of Camp Rayner, and for special grants to District 4-H Councils for worthy projects, be approved.

55. THAT a grant of \$10,000 be made in 1967 to the Saskatchewan 4-H Foundation for capital construction at Camp Rayner.

Centennial Project

56. THAT the Pool consider retaining the No. 1 Bulyea elevator as a centennial project, setting it up as a landmark to preserve the history of the organization.

Tours

57. THAT the Pool organize charter tours for its members.

58. THAT the Pool investigate the advisability of providing passes to important agricultural events in foreign lands when requested to do so.

Extension Dept.

59. THAT Farm Service Centre managers and Livestock Yard managers be invited to District Delegates' meetings and sub-district Banquet Conferences tributary to Farm Service Centres and Livestock Yards.

Publicity Dept.

60. THAT the Pool in its different forms of publicity, stress the fact that the rising cost-of-living is not due to increases the farmer receives for his products.

61. THAT the Pool consider an advertising program to effectively acquaint the general public and farmers in particular, with the duties and responsibilities of Pool staff and personnel and the training they receive to perform their duties and services.

62. THAT the Publicity Department extract some of the more pertinent points of interest from the Agents Newsletter and the Livestock Bulletin and that this material be used

to expand Pool Notes in each issue of The Western Producer.

63. THAT the Pool logo crest be supplied to elevator agents and Farm Service Centre personnel.

64. THAT action be requested to publicize the cost to the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and farmer-members of providing additional terminal storage at the West Coast.

65. THAT an attractive looseleaf Farm Reference Guide be provided by the Pool for use of members, at nominal cost.

Country Elevator Division

66. THAT the "hours of work" section of the Federal Labour Code be opposed, as it applies to elevator agents.

67. THAT an accelerated training program for elevator agents be encouraged.

68. THAT more money be allocated to the building and modernization of agents' cottages.

69. THAT the cleaner program be accelerated, with the objective of replacing old, out-of-date cleaners as soon as possible.

70. THAT provision be made to improve the legibility of the Grower's Certificate of Grain Deliveries.

71. THAT uniforms be made available to country elevator and service centre employees at cost.

Farm Service Dept.

72. THAT consideration be given to joint action with Federated Co-operatives to investigate the feasibility of building feed mills.

73. THAT facilities for bulk storage of fertilizer be provided at Farm Service Centres where necessary.

74. THAT a program of installation of scales for weighing bulk seed at Farm Service Centres be undertaken where necessary.

75. THAT the handling of livestock feeds and veterinary supplies by the Pool, be investigated.

76. THAT cash payment discounts on fertilizer be extended into January.

77. THAT the spread between the purchase price and selling price of seed grain be narrowed.

78. THAT fertilizer be donated for 4-H grain club projects where requested.

Livestock Division

79. THAT in order to improve the production, quality and feed conversion of hogs in Saskatchewan, the provincial government be urged to establish a central swine breeding station.

80. THAT additional regional veterinary diagnostic laboratories be established in the province.

81. THAT Canadian Livestock Co-operative (Western) Limited and the Pool occasionally have an observer on some of the local livestock auctions in order to determine the trends and the effects these auctions are having on our terminal markets.

82. THAT a more extensive public relations program be undertaken by Pool livestock personnel in rural areas and at public yards.

83. THAT Pool livestock buyers attend 4-H sales where practical.

84. THAT inoculation for shipping fever be made available for feeder cattle before leaving stockyards.

85. THAT the cut-off weight between cattle and calves be changed from 400 to 500 pounds.

86. THAT the establishment of a futures market for livestock be opposed.

Printing and Publishing Division

87. THAT the policy of political neutrality in publishing The Western Producer be reaffirmed.

88. THAT elevator agents be supplied with application forms and information with regard to accident and liability insurance and subscriptions to The Western Producer.

89. THAT the Board of Directors and Management of The Western Producer work toward the establishment of a subscription sales agency operated directly by Management of The Western Producer.

